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2. GENERAL TANNUS HAS REQUESTED, THROUGH GENERAL STINER, THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SHUF BE PHASED OVER A FOUR DAY PERIOD AND THAT THE U.S. MAKE THIS REQUEST TO THE GOI. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT THIS REQUEST IS A SIGN OF LEBANESE SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE AND INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY IN THE SHUF PROCEED SMOOTHLY.

3. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION WE BELIEVE THAT POSSIBILITY OF SECURING ISRAELI AGREEMENT WILL BE ENHANCED IF THE REQUEST IS MADE DIRECTLY FROM LAF TO IDF, THEN SUPPORTED BY US. MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION WILL PROCEED WITH THIS SCENARIO SPEAKING BOTH TO LAF DIRECTLY AND TO ROSS-ABDU-LUBRANI TRIPARTITE MEETING WHICH IS NOW IN PROCESS.

4. WHEN MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS SIGNAL THAT LEBANESE HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY AMBASSADOR LEWIS SHOULD FOLLOW

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